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FROM : Chief, Economics Division, ORE
SUBJECT: Comment on "A Concept of National Intelligence Production on the Far East."
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1. The subject staff study emphasizes the problem of intelligence production from the point of view of the developing situation in the Far East. Supplementing this study and similar studies for other regions it is believed there is needed an examination of intelligence required by policy makers in the formulation of specific positive United States policies. Both approaches are necessary in the formulation of a production plan.

2. The conclusions with respect to the "considerations which.... should govern the planning and production of national intelligence on the Far East" (paragraph 3) deal primarily with the vulnerability of the Far East to control unfavorable to the United States. They do not deal adequately with equally important intelligence analysis of the prospects for increasing the influence of the United States in the area. Thus the intelligence production program as proposed is largely concerned with defensive aspects of our interests in the area. It is believed that intelligence should also be developed which would assess the prospects for success of various United States policies (to be indicated by the NSC and other policy makers) aimed at increasing United States influence and promoting United States interests in the region.

3. It is believed that paragraph 3(b) should be broadened by the inclusion of an additional sub-head somewhat as follows:

(3) The degree to which the resources (political, military, economic) are being or could be developed for war purposes, in support of

- (a) The Soviet Union
- (b) The United States and powers friendly thereto.

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